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Can I Recycle a Pizza Box?

Pizza boxes are typically made of cardboard, which is a readily recycled item. But, two things can make the cardboard NON-recyclable: Grease & food contamination such as cheese!

The grease and cheese create a problem in the recycling process because when the cardboard is being broken down into paper fibers, water is used. As you know oil & water do not mix. Hence, the oils from the grease and the food residue cannot be separated from the paper fibers.

Next time you bring home a pizza, keep this in mind & remind your parents!



BOONE'S BANDITS



Hi! I'm Ricky the Recycling Raccoon & I lead the Boone's Bandits in discovering new ways to recycle & dispose of our trash!

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REUSE Heart & Sole Collects 1,000 Pairs of Shoes!



The Solid Waste Management District sponsored their inaugural shoe collection the week of Valentine's Day. What

better way to show men, women and children around the world that Boone County residents care about them by donating shoes for **REUSE**! This year, over thirteen schools, libraries, social groups and businesses volunteered to collect shoes from their students and visitors. Over 1,000 pairs of shoes were collected and will be distributed to those in need all over the world. Can you imagine your basketball shoes being worn by someone in Zimbabwe?

Perry Worth Elementary School

collected the most shoes with 258 pairs. To honor their great efforts, the District purchased the school an engraved park bench made 100% of recycled materials!

Are you ready to **REUSE** your shoes to those who are in need? Next year's event will be around Valentine's Day again!!!



Inaugural - marking an official beginning

Ricky Raccoon's Riddle: WHAT IS IT?

- ◆ It takes 80-100 years for this to decompose in a landfill.
- ◆ Recycling one of these can save enough energy to power a TV for up to 3 hours or 6 Phineas & Ferb episodes!
- ◆ The average life span of one is 6 weeks, including the time it takes to be manufactured, filled, sold, used, recycled, and remanufactured again.
- ◆ 10,433 of these can

weigh as much as Shaquille O'Neal!



See the ANSWER on Page 3

Decompose - to break down from a complex to a simpler form

What does the Number mean inside the Recycling Arrow on our Plastics?



PETE

Polyethylene, typically found in beverage containers and can easily be recycled into more beverage containers or a sweatshirt.



HDPE

High-Density Polyethylene, typically found in laundry detergent or shampoo bottles and can easily be recycled into writing pens or recycling containers.



V

Polyvinyl Chloride, typically found in plastic toys or clear food containers and can easily be recycled into flooring for your home or your deck outside.



LDPE

Low Density Polyethylene, typically found in plastic grocery and newspaper sacks and can easily be recycled into trash can liners & more shopping sacks.



PP

Polypropylene, typically found in medicine or ketchup bottles and can easily be recycled into bicycle racks or stop lights.



PS

Polystyrene (Styrofoam), typically found in egg cartons and carry-out containers can not always be easily be recycled but has been used in items such as foam packing and insulation.



OTHER

Other plastics not included in the other designations, typically found in reusable water bottles or CD cases and can easily be recycled into plastic lumber.



Please note the examples included are only a few of the many possibilities in the world of recycling!!!

Solid Waste District - Scholarship Winners



The Boone County Solid Waste Management District provides \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors that have made an environmental impact on their community. Past winners have started recycling campaigns in their schools, worked on litter cleanup programs and plan to study environmental sciences in college! This May, the District will award the scholarships to two Boone

County residents:

Lebanon High School -

Haley Marie Witt

Sheridan High School -

Micah Powers

Congratulations and good luck! We look forward to their future accomplishments impacting our environment and the Earth!



Recycled Piggy Bank

Supplies Needed:

Empty 2 liter Bottle

2 Empty Toilet Paper Rolls

Google Eyes or Marker

Scissors

Scrap Paper Tape or Glue



1. Wash 2 liter bottle out with warm soap and water. Allow to dry.
2. Remove labels
3. Cut slit in back of pig for coin slot

4. Cut toilet paper tubes in half (cut at an angle to help attach tube to bank & to stand on the table)
5. Tape legs to the bottom of the bank as legs. You can also use other plastic bottle lids as alternative legs.
6. Cut out ears (leave a flap) and tape ear flaps to the top of



the bank.

7. Add eyes with the google eyes or simply with a marker
8. Other additional options include painting your entire piggy bank, adding a pipe cleaner tail, or other embellishments to decorate it as you wish!



Earth Day

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 and was initiated by Gaylord Nelson. Mr. Nelson was serving as Wisconsin's U.S. Senator at the time. Across America, 20 million people took to the streets, parks, auditoriums and gymnasiums to rally for a healthy and sustainable environment. After the large support shown from all aspects of Americans, the United States Environmental Protection Agency created what we know as today as the Clean Air, Clean Water and the Endangered Species Acts. These are rules and regulations established to protect the environment in all



to raise awareness about environmental issues grew. People around the globe were now celebrating, not just in the United States. An estimated 200 million people in 141 countries held organized events to support awareness.

Again this year, Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22. What will you do to celebrate the annual event? Think about some of these ideas:

aspects.

In 1990, the Earth Day campaign

- ♦ Encourage the adults around you to start a garden
- ♦ Paint a mural with an environmental friendly message. This will help encourage and teach those around you.
- ♦ Start or grow a recycling campaign at home or at your school
- ♦ Start an anti-littering campaign
- ♦ Organize an Earth Day celebration. Inform the Solid Waste District on your plans & they can help!

Environmental Word Scramble

1. THERA _____
2. ERUTAN _____
3. RETE _____
4. NREGE _____
5. NSU _____
6. REFOTS _____
7. WELFOR _____
8. SRASG _____
9. RETLIT _____
10. ZONOE _____
11. TAERW _____
12. LIOS _____

Ricky Raccoon's Riddle Answer



Answers for the Environmental Word Scramble can be found on Page 4.



Recycling Word Search

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
LANDFILL
CLEAN
COMPOSTING

PREVENTION
PAPER
PLASTIC
COMMINGLE
RECHARGEABLE
PACKAGING
TRASH

Environmental
Word of the Day!



Reduce - to use something again, often for a different purpose & usually as an alternative to throwing it out.



Did you Know?

An estimated 80,000,000 Hershey Kisses are wrapped each day, using enough aluminum foil to cover 40 football fields. All that foil is recyclable!



What is that Green & Yellow Bin used for behind the School?

The green & yellow bin is called the Abitibi Paper Retriever and it's for a community paper recycling program. You can recycle all of your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office & school papers and mail 24 hours/7 days a week.

By recycling paper, not only do you save water and energy, but our schools, churches, and other community organizations earn money for every pound of paper you help us collect. This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help your community raise money for projects like playgrounds, books, and other needs.

Do NOT include cardboard or phone books in the green & yellow containers.

Locations around Boone County to find Abitibi Paper Retriever bins include:

- Schools
- Churches
- Post Offices
- Boone Co. Senior Services
- Boone County Solid Waste Management District Office
- Sugar Creek Art Center
- Tri-Area Library

Did you Know?

If all our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!



Answers for the Environmental Word Scramble (Page 3)

1. Earth	4. Green
2. Nature	5. Sun
3. Tree	6. Forest
	7. Flower
	8. Grass
	9. Litter
	10. Ozone
	11. Water
	12. Soil